

Pukalani Baptist Church

WITH CHRIST, INTO CRISIS!

*"...He Hath Said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."
Hebrews 13:5b*

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Pastor's Pen by Pastor Paul Kaneshiro

GOOD NEWS!!!

The Mayor has announced that Churches will be allowed to re-open for indoor Worship with a number of modifications for health & safety reasons. This will probably be authorized for next Friday, May 29, 2020! That means we can Probably Worship together on **Sunday, May 31, 2020** !

We're in communications & planning with various Churches & the County about what and how to prepare and conduct our Worship Services. We want to be Safe & Protect our People at PBC. Therefore, we will be following a step by step process.

We will also be observing a number of Health & Safety Modifications. We will be practicing **SOCIAL DISTANCING**. That means we're dividing the Worship Center into seating areas that will keep Household groups at least 6 feet distance from each other.

We will not be able to touch each other, so **NO HANDSHAKES & HUGS**. That will be hard for us to refrain from doing.

You will also have to wear **MASKS** and wash your hands often or use **HAND SANITIZERS**. If anyone is **COUGHING** or has a **FEVER**, **please Stay at Home**. We will be taking Temperatures at the Door, so you will have to go home if you have a fever.

You will receive an Email from me with the Details for our Return to Worshiping together by Wednesday, May 27th.

We need to remember, the Covid-19 virus is still around even though it has flattened in its effect here on Maui and Hawaii. Anyone can be carrying it, so we all need to follow the guidelines to protect each other.

Thank you for your Prayers and Ministries of Grace to each other and even those outside our Fellowship. Continue as we enter this new Adjustment period. Be Secure in JESUS' Assurance that we are journeying to Everlasting Life with HIM in HEAVEN!

God Bless You All,

Pastor Paul

Instructions to Accessing the Sermons on our PBC website:

1. Log on to www.pukalanibaptist.com;
2. Click on Messages;
3. Click on 2020 Messages; and
4. Choose the Sermon of the Day (i.e. for today's sermon, click on the 5/24/20).

For assistance, please email the church office at pbcmaui@hawaii.rr.com or call (808) 572-7968

The Greatest Exchange **By Laura Newell**

Anxiety is incompatible with trust in God; I can't worry and trust God at the same time. No wonder Paul wrote to the Philippians, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will guard your heart and mind through Christ Jesus." (4:6-7)

What an amazing exchange: my worries for His peace that surpasses human comprehension!

Yesterday I heard of a new practice in Hong Kong that's a response to Covid 19. Because Hong Kong is so crowded, most people live in high rise apartments. When riding the elevator between floors, a toothpick is used to push floor buttons instead of a finger. Others walk the busy streets with both arms extended in order to protect themselves from the virus.

"Have you been asking God what He's going to do? He will never tell you. God does not tell you what He's going to do. He reveals to you who He is," says Oswald Chambers. "Though catastrophes - an airline crash, a plague, a sniper's random killing, the deliberate poisoning of medicines, a famine in Africa - cry out for some kind of authoritative interpretation, the Book of Job offers an important reminder: God did not attempt an explanation." (Philip Yancey) Rick Warren says, "The closer you live to God the smaller everything else appears."

Last week I spoke with a woman, a very wealthy woman, who has isolated herself in her Kihei condo for the past ten weeks because of the worry and fear she harbors about the corona virus. Without Christ she is unable to exchange her thoughts for God's thoughts: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

The God of the Bible, who sent His only Son to die for my sins, provides the greatest exchange ever: "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be an offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ." (2 Cor. 5:21) In other words, Jesus takes all my unrighteousness and gifts me with all of His righteousness at the Cross.

Hudson Taylor puts it this way: "What God has given us is all we need; we require nothing more. It's not a question of large supplies - it is a question of the presence of the Lord." Has God exchanged your fear for His love? Ask Him. Has He exchanged your worry for His peace? Ask Him. Has He exchanged your unrighteousness for His righteousness? Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door for the greatest exchange in the history of the world.

Men's Sunday School Class

John Henry is leading a series through the book of Revelation for the Men's Sunday School Class. This virtual class starts at 9:00 AM. Logging on before 9:00 AM is helpful if possible. If you would like to join in, please email Gary Fitt at gnfitt@live.com.

PBC's Yard Ministry

Team:	Members of the Team:	Week of:
2	Shane, Duane, Kaipo	Saturday, May 30, 2020
3	Glenn, Gary, Rick	Saturday, June 13, 2020
1	Jason, Thomas, Jim	Saturday, June 27, 2020

Today's Scripture

²³ This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, ²⁴ but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (New International Version) NIV

Testimony from Iris Ginoza

Growing up I didn't know much about the Lord. That is until I was about 7 yrs old. My parents was attending the Gospel of Salvation Church out in Hana. The minister scared me enough to make me question what I was going to do with my life.

A few years later I started attending PBC with Reverend Foy King as our pastor. Miss. Kendrick was our Sunday school teacher and our G.A. leader. Dennis Shiroma used to pick us up in his station wagon and drop us off after church.

I could feel the conviction of the Lord and really prayed hard. I was afraid of retaliation from my dad. But he just let us do what we felt was right when it came to church. So, I gave my life to Christ and was baptized along with my older brother. I was 13 at this time.

But I left the church shortly after Rev. King and his family moved. I got myself into all sorts of trouble after I graduated from high school. I could feel the tug of the Lord but refused to listen.

Then one day after coming home from the hospital and pregnant with Tammy, I woke up to Loyal Garner singing How Great Thou Art. It moved me to tears and I told Charley that I had to go to church. I drove down to Kahului Baptist and rededicated my life to Christ.

I thought I was a model Christian. After all, Charley and my son Curtis had come to know the Lord. But I had done a 3 day fasting to cleanse myself and ask the Lord for His guidance. This experience has impacted my walk with Jesus.

On the last day of my fast we had a tragedy. We had gone camping with some friends and my son Alton drowned. When we found him, our friend dove in and pulled him out. Charley and I did CPR on him. All the while inside I'm screaming at God to give me back my boy. I kept hearing "no, trust me." Then I bargained with Him trying to trade places with my son. Again I heard "no, trust me". Then I asked why He won't give him back. Again His reply was "trust me.

At this point I realized that my children are a gift from God and it would be up to Him. I caved in and said, "Oh Lord forgive my selfishness. This was your gift to me, do Your will. Then I heard "now blow." I blew and my son opened his eyes and screamed out.

We had been working on him for over 20 minutes.

My walk became closer from that point. Through all the things that we've gone through from suicide attempts to illnesses I know that my Lord is with me. I fear not what will happen cause He watches over me and my family.

Isaiah 54:10 (NIV)

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the LORD, who has COMPASSION on you.

May all you be blessed.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be added to our prayer chain email list, please contact the church office at pbcmahawaii@hawaii.rr.com